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ADDENDUM

Chienia honanensis W. T. Wang. Dr. Lothar Benzing of the Institut für Allgemeine Botanik at Mainz, West Germany, has very kindly called my attention to, and sent me a xeroxed copy of an article in *Acta Phytotaxonomica Sinica* 9: 104–107. pls. VI, VII. 1964, in which W. T. Wang proposed a new genus *Chienia*, closely related to *Consolida* and *Delphinium*. As the Royal Botanic Garden at Edinburgh had received photographs, and even isotypes, of many of Wang's earlier species of *Delphinium*, I asked Dr. Peter Davis whether they had any material of the *Chienia*, but word has just come that he and Mr. Lauener have none.

Wang's excellent illustration of *Chienia honanensis* W. T. Wang and the detailed Latin descriptions of the genus and species certainly suggest *Delphinium grandiflorum* L. in habit, vesture, leaf dissection, flower color, and size. The

plant comes from Honan, China, which is far enough north to be in the range of the *Delphinium*, from which it differs in the shorter spur on the upper sepal and the lack of spurs on the upper petals (staminodia of Wang), so that the upper and lower petals are quite alike and clawed.

In the course of examining perhaps 6000 specimens of the *Consolida-Delphinium* complex I have met a number of cases of spurlessness. For example, in the discussion of *Consolida rugulosa* (Boiss.) Schröd. it was pointed out (Jour. Arnold Arb. 48: 188, 189. 1967) that *C. paradoxa* (Bunge) Nevski [*Delphinium paradoxum* Bunge] was apparently a spurless form of *C. rugulosa*. In *Delphinium anthriscifolium* Hance a spurless collection was seen, H. B. Morse (NY). In *D. macrocentron* Oliver, Bally 1205 (κ) has spurless petals. I remember seeing a sheet of another species in which spurred and spurless flowers occurred on the same plant, but unfortunately I have misplaced my record of it.

Without seeing material of the proposed *Chienia honanensis*, I am inclined to suspect that Wang, whose comprehensive treatment of the Chinese species of *Delphinium* (Acta Bot. Sinica 10: 59-89, 137-165, 164-284. 1962) has given him a much better knowledge of those species than I have, has dealt with an abnormal plant of *Delphinium grandiflorum* L.

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